

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 and 18-26 remain in this application for examination. Claims 8-14 are the claims allowed in the parent application. Applicant expresses his sincere appreciation for the allowance of these claims.

Claims 18-25 are new claims which parallel claims 13-17 and 20-22 of co-pending patent application No. 09/901,632 filed July 11, 1003 but include the following limitation:

" clean side valve unitary with the unitary body for preventing pre-filling of the filter cartridge"

in claim 1.

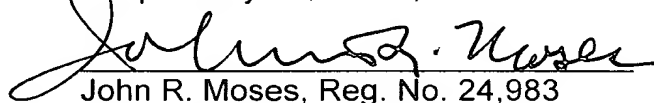
New claim 26 parallels claim 9 but depends from claim 18.

With respect to the patentability of new claims 18-26, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Remarks filed with the Amendment of September 23, 2003 in 09/901,632. A terminal disclaimer is filed with this Amendment with respect to 09/901,632.

If the Examiner feels that a personal conference with Applicant's attorneys might expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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